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INAUGURAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 22-25 AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

By now all members should have received their registration information for the NASIG Inaugural Conference to be held at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on June 22-25. If you have not as yet received your registration form, please contact John Piddick at (517) 774-3031.

NORTH AMERICAN SERIALS INTEREST GROUP BYLAWS

One of the items to be discussed at the Inaugural Conference will be a set of Bylaws. The Bylaws, as first conceived by the Executive Committee, are printed here for your perusal and consideration before the meeting. Please bring these Bylaws with you to the Conference along with any suggestions, amendments, and deletions.

BYLAWS

Article I. Name

The name of this group shall be the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG).

Article II. Objectives

Section 1. To provide a means for the exchange of information among the participants of the serials information chain/who are members of the North American Serials Group.

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Section 2. To convene an Annual Conference of the membership of the North American Serials Interest Group.

Section 3. To publish the proceedings of each Annual Conference and a Newsletter.

Section 4. To establish liaison with the professional associations represented by the NASIG membership for the purpose of mutual communication of interest and concerns.

### Article III. Members

Section 1. Active membership shall include anyone remitting annual dues. Each member has the right to vote and hold office.

Section 2. Members shall remit annual dues to the North American Serials Interest Group. Dues cover a fiscal year which runs from January 1st through December 31st. Proposals for changes in dues shall originate from the Executive Board and be voted upon by the membership with a mail ballot. A majority of those voting would constitute a decision.

### Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the North American Serials Interest Group shall include: a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be annually elected by a majority of active membership voting in a mail ballot from a slate chosen by the Nominating Committee and shall serve a term of one year which is to run from September 1st through August 31st. An officer may serve up to three consecutive terms in office.

Section 3. In the event of a resignation of any officer, the Executive Board shall select a replacement to fulfill the term.

### Article V. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers of the North American Serials Group, the immediate past Chair, and six active members nominated, elected, and serving in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 2. The Newsletter Editor serves at the pleasure of the Executive Board and shall be an ex-officio member of it.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the general supervision of the affairs of the North American Serials Interest Group between its business meetings, fix the time and place of such meetings, make reports and recommendations to the membership, and perform other duties as are specified by these Bylaws. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the active membership and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the active membership.

Section 3. An annual meeting of the Executive Board shall be held at the site and in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Other Meetings can be called by the Chair.

#### Article VI. Committees

Section 1. Any active member may be eligible to participate on committees.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chair at the Annual Conference. This Committee shall nominate candidates for the offices to be filled, make provision for write-in candidates by the membership, and execute the election.

Section 3. A Program Committee, headed by a member of the Executive Board and composed of additional members appointed with the joint approval of the NASIG Chair and Committee Chair, shall plan the program for the Annual Conference.

Section 4. Such other committees, standing or special, such as membership, local arrangements, finance, site selection, etc., may be appointed by the Chair as the membership or Executive Board shall from time <sup>time</sup> deem necessary to carry out the affairs of the North American Serials Interest Group. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

#### Article VII. Meetings

An annual business meeting and others, as deemed necessary, shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

#### Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the North American Serials Interest Group in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the group may adopt.

#### Article IX. Amendment of Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the active membership in a mail ballot. A draft of the amendments must be distributed to the active membership 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting at which debate and amendments may occur for any properly proposed amendment of these Bylaws.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT / Susan Davis

Membership dues have been steadily arriving. As of May 9, 1986 total paid members number 324. Conference registration response has been very gratifying as well. So far we have over 100 registrants. We anticipate exceeding our goal of 125 registrants before June 1.

In order to put our money to work for us, we have established a money market savings account. This account allows us to earn the current money market rate (approximately 6.8%) on our funds. We also have the flexibility to transfer money to our regular checking account to cover expenses when they occur. Therefore, our money is not tied up in a non-interest-bearing account. After the first month we have earned almost the equivalent of one membership.

Many of you have sent in duplicate dues payments. Please disregard any dues reminder if you have already paid! There were no dues for 1985, so the money paid covered the 1986 membership. Your cancelled check was your receipt. We hope to issue membership cards for 1987, and we apologize for any confusion. Receipts are being issued for your conference payments.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A copy of the 1986 membership form accompanies this newsletter for those of you who have not as yet formally joined NASIG. If you are already a member, please feel free to pass this on to someone who might be interested in joining NASIG.

SERIAL SERENDIPITY / David Hart, Assoc. Librn., Univ. of Michigan/Flint

While looking at another library's serials holdings list, an unusual periodical title caught my eye. Since it had a note that indicated it was both a "continuation of..." and "continued by...", I decided to track down the title variations. I eventually discovered nine title changes since the publication began in 1902. The title changes reflected a changing American scene:

- Soda Fountain (1902-1932)
- Soda Fountain Magazine (1933-1940)
- Soda Fountain and Quick Food Service (1941-1943)
- Soda Fountain Service (1944-1945)
- Fountain Service (1945-1951)
- Fountain and Fast Food Service (1951-1952)
- Fountain and Fast Food (1952-1956)
- Fast Food (1956-1974)
- Restaurant Business (1974-

THE UKSG ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT EXETER / Marcia Tuttle, U. of North Carolina

I have just returned from my third consecutive annual conference of the United Kingdom Serials Group. Many colleagues have asked why I attend. The major reason is to learn more about serials and serials librarianship. Presentations at the Exeter meeting covered: uses that can be made of the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) database; the process of, and

risk involved in, beginning a new journal; the significance of fluctuating currency exchange rates; recent British copyright legislation; and several other topics. The speakers provoked substantial discussion among the audience (the UKSG Proceedings print not only the talks, but also an edited version of the discussion).

Another reason for attending was to see British friends and adversaries, and to make new professional friends. It was good to discuss matters of mutual concern with scholarly journal publishers I had met last year. We did plenty of discussing and agreed to disagree. Again, I saw that American serials librarians must learn more about journal publishing. Among the exhibitors were subscription agency representatives demonstrating new services and products. Librarian friends were there as well and we shared serials stories. Several of us made preliminary plans for a group tour of Northeastern Scotland after next year's conference at Oxford.

Social life is part of a UKSG conference: sherry parties in the evenings, a conference banquet and barn dance, and tours during one afternoon. As usual, I selected the historic walking tour--of Exeter. As is NOT usual, it neither rained nor snowed--the downpour began just as we returned to the University.

Finally, each UKSG conference provides an opportunity to travel in England. This year's site was too close to Cornwall to miss!

#### SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, CHICAGO, JANUARY 19, 1986

Tina Feick, Vice-Chair, summarized the planning for the Inaugural Conference at Bryn Mawr.

Denison University will be the site for the Second NASIG Conference in June, 1987.

The Executive Board adopted a policy of fee remuneration for speakers at the conference. Principal speakers will be granted full remission of fees; panel participants will be granted \$50 fee remission; and breakout speakers will also be granted a \$50 fee remission.

The Executive Board adopted John Merriman's suggestion and agreed to establish an interest-bearing money market account and will subject the NASIG financial records to periodic audits.

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The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) has begun the transformation from an informal, exploratory body to a well-organized and well-recognized voice in the serials information chain. We are very pleased with the interest shown to date. However, it is now necessary to build a solid financial base from which to further NASIG's activities. Plans are underway for the Inaugural Conference to be held June 22-25, 1986 at Bryn Mawr College. Included below is a membership form from which we invite you to complete. Dues have been set at \$15.00 for the 1986 calendar year. Members will receive issues of the newsletter, conference announcements and other informational mailings. Members are also eligible to serve on NASIG committees and run for office. We hope you will seriously consider becoming a part of this exciting development in the serials field.

Thank you for your assistance.

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